

hold it lightly

all things new

December 4, 2022

All Things New • Matthew 1:18-25 • Message 2

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SAME OLD PROMISE, EVERYTHING ELSE NEW • CHALLENGE OF CHRISTMAS • TRAGICALLY NEW • MARY

I will hold onto the promise as I welcome the changes.

HOW WOULD THE WORLD RECEIVE HER? • JOSEPH?

what should I do now?

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18 • ANCIENT ENGAGEMENT + JOSEPH'S MINDSET • 19 • LEV 20:10, DT 22:22-24, DT 24:1

Options

- ✦ He could bring her to the leaders to be **STONED**.
- ✦ He could **DIVORCE HER** quickly and quietly.
- ✦ He could marry her and **ABSORB** the **DISGRACE**.
HER SIN, HIS PROBLEM? • GOD DOESN'T DO THAT, RIGHT? MAKE SOMEONE PAY FOR ANOTHER'S SIN?
HE KNEW GOD'S WORD, HE KNEW GOD'S WAYS, RIGHT? • 20-21

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- ✦ The baby will save people from their **SINS**.
SINS? THAT'S NEW! • EZEKIEL 34:22-24 • VIRGIN? KEEP READING • 22 • ISAIAH 7:1, 3-4, 10-17
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Response

- ✦ Joseph took her home as his **WIFE**.
- ✦ Joseph did not **SLEEP** with her.
PRESERVING HER STORY • EMBRACING THE DISGRACE

take it home

GP: NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS, THINK WE KNOW GOD, HIS WORD, HIS WAYS, BUT WE ARE WRONG
NO ONE COULD HAVE KNOWN, TRAGICALLY NEW • •• WILLING TO TRUST GOD IN THE MIDST OF THE NEW?!

- ✦ Can I hold my **IDEAS** of God **LIGHTLY**?
SOME OF US: TEMPTED TO CONSERVATISM • TEMPTED TO PROGRESSIVISM
- ✦ Am I trying to **CONSERVE** the old?
ILL: TRANSLATORS, ICONOCLASM, SLAVERY • JOSEPH ANGEL • BUT "YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID..."
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